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Honorable Allen W. Dalles Director of Central Intelligence Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

One gap in our planning that became apparent as a result of the recent exercise "Operation Alert" was the inability of most agency heads to communicate while travelling in their automobiles. The suggestion was made that these cars be equipped with mobile telephones.

If your agency operates a private mobile system or you plan to establish one you may wish to consider connection with your own facilities. As an alternative, you may wish to subscribe to the telephone company mobile service, which will enable you to reach either locally or by long distance any telephone that may be reached by other Bell System telephones. In determining which system would be most useful, you should have in mind that the private and public mobile telephone systems do not interconnect and also that there is no positive security safeguard immediately available on any mobile system.

As a matter of convenience a booklet describing the public system is attached.

We would appreciate advice as to any action that you take.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Flemming
Director

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